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In Re Application of: HOWLAND, Charles A. Group Art Unit: 1771

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Dear Honorable Commissioner:

Request for Continued Examination Transmittal Letter

Pursuant to Examiner's Advisory Action, paper #21, dated November 7, 2002, in which Examiner suggested that the Applicant file a continuation application as "Further consideration search would be required for newly amended claims 1, 4 and 6. The issue of new matter is raised for newly amended claim 1, line 4 for phrase "at least equal".", applicant respectfully Requests Continued Examination of the above cited application and herein submits:

- 1) Request for Continued Examination PTO/SB/30
- 2) Additional Remarks to be added to After Final Amendment dated October 21, 2002
- 3) Form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$570.00, for RCE Filing Fee (small entity) \$370.00; and Extension for response within second month (small entity) \$200.00.

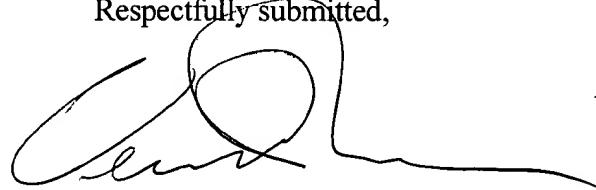
This RCE is being submitted in good faith and is a bona fide attempt to advance the application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.111.

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Respectfully submitted,



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